

REMARKS

Claims 12-14 and 24-27 are pending with claims 1-11 and 15-23 canceled, and claim 27 being added by this paper.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and Claim Amendments

Claim 14 stands rejected as being directed to non-statutory subject matter and claims 13 and 14 stand rejected as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 13 has been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments, as well as others made to conform the claim to typical U.S. prosecution practice, do not narrow the scope of claim 13. With respect to the addition of the formulas, applicants respectfully submit that adding these formulas merely makes explicit what is inherent. In addition, applicants have amended claim 14 to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and § 112. Consequently, the rejections should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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